(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the funds released for the programme were being diverted to other projects;

(c) if so, the other discrepancies pointed out by the CAG; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) has detected some irregularities in the implementation of the Swamajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) during the period 1999-2002 in his report No. 3 of 2003. He has also pointed out some instances of diversion of SGSY funds amounting to Rs. 58.39 crore in some States/UTs.

(c) The other discrepancies pointed out by the C&AG are non achievement of BPL families target, delay in disbursement of loan & subsidy by banks, lack of systematic identification of infrastructure needs, deficiency in implementation of Special Projects and under utilisation of the Special Project Funds.

(d) Since the Programmes are implemented by the State Governments, the State Governments concerned are required to furnish Action Taken Notes (ATNs) on the audit paras of the Report. This process has already been started and shortcomings as detected by the C&AG have been communicated to all State Governments concerned.

Proposals under Swajaldhara Scheme from Rajasthan

900. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from State Government of Rajasthan for the provision of Drinking water and water for irrigational purposes under the Centrally sponsored 'Swajaldhara Scheme';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share between the Centre and the State of Rajasthan for this Scheme;

(d) the amount of funds already allocated by the Centre to the State in this regard; and

(e) the number of districts adopted by the Centre for earlier provisions and the progress made in this direction till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Swajaldhara scheme is for meeting the drinking water requirements of the rural population and not for providing water for irrigational purposes. Government had received 204 proposals forwarded by Government of Rajasthan of which 35 proposals with a total outlay of Rs. 412.52 lakh pertaining to the district of Jaipur have been approved in the year 2002-03 under Swajaldhara.

(c) Swajaldhara project funding, excluding community contribution, is fully met by the Government of India.

(d) Government have released the first instalment of Rs. 187.259 lakh for the 35 schemes pertaining to Jaipur district which were approved in the year 2002-03. In addition, Government of India have also released the first instalment of Rs. 1095.50 lakh to 32 districts of the State based on the district-wise allocation communicated by the State Government under Swajaldhara for the year 2003-04.

(e) Four districts in the State have been taken up under the Sector Reform Project in the State and an expenditure of Rs. 2734.47 lakh has been reported against release of Rs. 6801.62 lakh.

Loan to Rajasthan under PMGSY

901. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from State Government of Rajasthan for grant of loans for construction/maintenance of roads in the tribal and backward areas of the State under PMGSY;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the amount of funds required by the State; and

(c) whether Government have plans to grant the said loan to the State of Rajasthan and if so, by when?